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1. PER THIBIDEAU/GOSNELL PHONCON JUNE 22, FOLLOWING
MESSAGE TO DR. L.A. ALEKSANDROV, HYDROMET SERVICE, CONFIRMS
INFORMATION EMBASSY WAS ASKED TO PASS TO ALEKSANDROV.
PLEASE PASS COPY TO DR. S.I. AVDYUSHIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
INSTITUTE OF APPLIED PHYSICS, MOSCOW, AND INTERCOSMOS.

2. JUNE 22, 1978 04.03.00

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DEAR DR. ALEKSANDROV:

AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, THE PROFESSOR VIZE HAS BEEN IN
PLACE OFF THE WALLOPS ISLAND, VIRGINIA COAST SINCE JUNE 2
IN CONNECTION WITH OUR JASPIC PROJECT. SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO LAUNCH ONLY FOUR OF THE SCHEDULED NINE PAYLOADS: A

US NIKE APACHE WITH A CHEMICAL PAYLOAD (BARIUM AND TMA) AND A SOVIET MR-12 ON JUNE 11, AND A US NIKE APACHE WITH A UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS IONOSPHERIC PAYLOAD AND A SOVIET MR-12 ON JUNE 20. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LEVEL OF ENERGETIC PARTICLE FLUX IN THE IONOSPHERE HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY HIGH (KP 5 AND ABOVE) TO ALLOW US TO CONDUCT AN OPTIMUM EXPERIMENT.

WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT IN THE NEXT WEEK TO 10 DAYS THERE WILL BE INCREASED SOLAR ACTIVITY AND WOULD LIKE THE SOVIET SHIP TO EXTEND ITS VISIT SO THAT WE MIGHT INCREASE THE PROBABILITY OF CONDUCTING A SUCCESSFUL INTERCALIBRATION. TOWARD THIS END, DR. ROBERT KRIEGER, DIRECTOR OF NASA'S WALLOPS FLIGHT CENTER HAS DELIVERED A WRITTEN INVITATION TO THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN AND PROFESSOR IVANOV-KHOLODNIY TO EXTEND THEIR STAY, IF POSSIBLE.

SINCERELY,

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